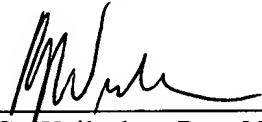


REMARKS

Entry and consideration of this Preliminary Amendment is respectfully requested prior to or concurrent with calculation of the filing fees. This Preliminary Amendment is being filed to remove the multiple dependent claims to avoid the surcharge.

Examination on the merits is awaited.

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Marked-Up Copy of Previous Claims 3-4 and 6

3. (Amended) An electrodeposition bath according to Claim 1 [or 2],
c h a r a c t e r i s e d i n t h a t , it contains, as a further gloss additive, the compounds
pentyl sulfonate, hexyl sulfonate, heptyl sulfonate, octyl sulfonate, nonyl sulfonate, decyl
sulfonate, dodecyl sulfonate, cyclohexyl sulfonate, pentyl sulfate, hexyl sulfate, heptyl
sulfate, octyl sulfate, nonyl sulfate, decyl sulfate, dodecyl sulfate, cyclohexyl sulfate or
their isomers.
4. (Amended) An electrodeposition bath according to Claim 1 [Claims 1 to 3],
c h a r a c t e r i s e d i n t h a t , it contains 0.01 to 10 g/l, preferably 0.1 to 5 g/l, of a
compound of the formula I.
6. (Amended) A process for the electrodeposition of glossy gold and gold alloy layers,
c h a r a c t e r i s e d i n t h a t , deposition takes place from a bath in accordance with
Claim 1 [Claims 1 to 4] at a pH in the range 3 to 6, preferably 4 to 5.

~~Amended Claims 3-4 and 6~~

Sub BI 3. An electrodeposition bath according to Claim 1, characterised in that, it contains, as a further gloss additive, the compounds pentyl sulfonate, hexyl sulfonate, heptyl sulfonate, octyl sulfonate, nonyl sulfonate, decyl sulfonate, dodecyl sulfonate, cyclohexyl sulfonate, pentyl sulfate, hexyl sulfate, heptyl sulfate, octyl sulfate, nonyl sulfate, decyl sulfate, dodecyl sulfate, cyclohexyl sulfate or their isomers.

Sub BI 4. An electrodeposition bath according to Claim 1, characterised in that, it contains 0.01 to 10 g/l, preferably 0.1 to 5 g/l, of a compound of the formula I.

Sub BI 6. A process for the electrodeposition of glossy gold and gold alloy layers, characterised in that, deposition takes place from a bath in accordance with Claim 1 at a pH in the range 3 to 6, preferably 4 to 5.